

HOUSE RESOLUTION 12

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lula Bell Wright-McGhee on the celebration of her 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Lula Bell Wright-McGhee will celebrate her 80th birthday on January 31, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of civil rights activists and entrepreneurs, Morgan and Lula Turner-Wright, Lula Bell Wright was born on January 31, 1927, in Piperton, Tennessee, one of thirteen children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McGhee completed her education in the Memphis City School System where she attended Douglas High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, Lula Bell Wright was joined in marriage with James McGhee, and the couple's blessed union produced seventeen children, all of whom completed high school, which is an accomplishment Mrs. McGhee is very proud to express; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping her husband farm, Mrs. McGhee served with acumen and alacrity in the Fayette County School System until her retirement; an esteemed employee of the school system, Mrs. McGhee earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Lula Bell Wright-McGhee is known as a wise and loving mentor, gracious hostess, and loving neighbor and friend; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. McGhee has opened her home to feed and clothe many; indeed, it is said that every day is a Sunday dinner for Mrs. McGhee, as so many people still frequent her house for a good meal; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. McGhee has faithfully served her community and God; she is a longtime member of Fellowship Church of God in Christ, and she is also a Sister of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her ninth decade, Mrs. McGhee is an active and vital member of her community, and she participates in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lula Bell Wright-McGhee on the celebration of her 80th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.